

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 28, 2007. Claims 1 to 15 and 17 are pending in the application, with Claim 16 having been cancelled and Claims 2, 8, 9, and 17 having been amended. Claims 1, 15, and 17 are in independent form. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowance of Claims 1 to 15 and 17. Although Claims 2, 8, and 9 have been amended, Claims 2, 8, and 9 depend on allowed independent Claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that amended Claims 2, 8, and 9 are fully in condition for allowance.

Claim 17 has been rewritten in independent form and now incorporates the substance of allowed independent Claim 1. Therefore, it is believed that amended Claim 17 is fully in condition for allowance.

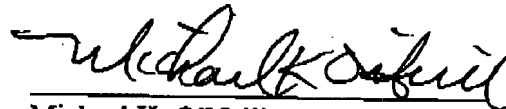
Claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claim 16 having been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, withdrawal of the rejection under § 101 is therefore respectfully requested.

Regarding a formal matter, it is respectfully requested to receive an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 indicating consideration of all the art that was submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement dated May 24, 2005. Applicants have received an initialed Form PTO-1449, but not all art was initialed. Specifically, the citation to the "Doermann" article was not initialed.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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